Date of birth of an Assistant Accountant-General.

31. *MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: Will the Government be pleased to state the reason for the discrepancy that is observed between the Quarterly Civil List of 1112 and that of 1-4-1117 in the matter of the date of birth of Mr. A. S. Sankara Aiyar, Assistant Accountant-General?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: The Officer reported to Government that his date of birth as recorded in the Civil List of 1112 and the prior issues was not correct and applied for sanction for the necessary correction. The Government on investigation of the case, were convinced of its *bona fides* and authorised the correction, as noted in the Civil List of 1117.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഈ പിശക് എങ്ങിനെ സംഭവിച്ചു?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: Government did not make any enquiries. A reference is invited to the Dewan-President's statement in this House on the 24th July 1941 that a system had grown up by which for various reasons of Government servants either over-stated or under-stated their ages at the time when they entered service. In view of that statement, it is clear that over-statement or under-statement of age was not uncommon.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഈ പിശക സംഭവിച്ചതു് എന്തുകൊണ്ടാണെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെന്റു അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: Government did not enquire.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഒരു സംവത്സരം സർവീസിൽ ഇരുന്നതിനശേഷം മാത്രം അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു വയസ്സു കൂറച്ചു കൃത്രമമാണെന്നു ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെട്ടതിന്റെ കാരണം എന്താണെന്നു പ്രസ്താവിക്കുമോ?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: They are not aware.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know whether there are not other instances also?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: No such instance has come to the notice of Government, so far.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: The Financial Secretary has stated on the floor of the House that the Government did not enquire. But in the answer it is given "Government on investigation of the case, ..."

PRESIDENT: What is meant is that Government did not enquire as to the motives or the correctness of the statement.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: May I know whether Government have not made necessary corrections in the ages of various Government servants who have already enrolled themselves in Government service?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: Corrections have been received and they have been disposed of by Government.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know how many years this officer has gained by this correction?

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